(c) Initiative for selection of sources of technology is left to the Indian entrepreneurs. Therefore, they explore the alternative source of technology. make a techno-economic analysis of the proposed foreign collaboration and select the foreign collaborator whose offer suits them best. Thereafter they apply for Government's permission.

**Payment of gratuity of coalmine workers**

1757. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal companies have decided not to make payment towards of gratuity to the workers who will not vacate the quarters allotted to them; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) There is a normal practice to insist on production of 'No claim certificate' from a retired workman before he is paid his terminal benefits, including gratuity. A retired workman who continues to occupy company's quarter is unable to produce this certificate leading to delay in payment of his terminal benefits.

**Medical examination of workmen in coal companies**

1758. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many workers (Company-wise) applied for medical examination under clause 9.4.3. of National Coal Wage Agreement-III for 1984, 1985 and 1986;

(b) how many of them were examined;

(c) how many of them were declared permanently disabled; (Company-wise and year-wise·

(d) how many dependents of the workmen referred to in part (c) above were provided employment; (Company-wise and year-wise); and

(e) how many of them were declared unfit for their original job?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The number of workmen applied for medical examination under clause 9.4.3 of NCWA-III for the concerned years is as follows:—

| | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 (Upto July) |
|---|---|---|---|
| BCCL | 576 | 420 | 228 |
| NCL | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| ECL | 3,858 | 3,184 | 1,707 |

Information in respect of SECL, WCL, CCL and CMPDIL is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.